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NC: 2026:KHC:43194
CRL.P No. 8743 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 8743 OF 2026 (439(Cr.PC)
/ 483(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

KANTHARAJU.B.K. @ KANTHA,
S/O KEMMARIAH,
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
R/AT BYALALU VILLAGE,
CHUNCHANAKUPPE POST,
TAVAREKERE HOBLI,
BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. A.N. RADHA KRISHNA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
TAVAREKERE POLICE,
REP. BY THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS,
BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. SRI. MUNIRAJU
S/O NARASIAH
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,
R/AT BYALALU VILLAGE,

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by
ANNAPURNA G
Location: High
Court of
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CHUNCHANAKUPPE POST,
BENGALURU - 562 130.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RANGASWAMY R., HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. SRINATHA H.A., ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS)
CR.P.C PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL
IN S.C.NO.85/2023 ON THE FILE OF THE LEARNED III
ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, RAMANAGARA
FOR OFFENCE P/US/ 302, 323, 504 OF IPC
(CR.NO.145/2023 OF TAVAREKERE POLICE).

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS
DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there
is no progress in the case before the Trial Court in SC
No.85 of 2023, though, the petitioner is in custody from
25.04.2023 onwards. He submits that as on this date, only
one charge-sheet witness has been examined. Therefore,
having regard to the petitioner's period of incarceration,



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the petitioner's prayer for grant of regular bail may be considered.

2. Learned High Court Government Pleader and learned counsel for respondent No.2 submit that the petitioner had earlier approached this Court in Criminal Petition No.10714 of 2023, which was dismissed on merits by the Co-ordinate bench of this Court on 16.01.2024 with observations that CW2 to CW8 are the eyewitnesses to the incident.

3. Learned High Court Government Pleader submits that CW2 is now examined and the remaining eyewitnesses shall be examined before the Trial Court, if six months time is granted to the prosecution.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner at this stage, submits that this petition may be dismissed as not pressed with liberty to the petitioner to renew his bail application immediately after examination of CW2 to CW8 is completed or after expiry of six months from the date of



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receipt of copy of this order by the Trial Court, whichever is earlier.

5. The said submission is placed on record.

6. Accordingly, the criminal petition is ***dismissed as not pressed*** with liberty as prayed for.

**Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE**

AMM
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 36